

# THE MINT MASTER

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

### Hello everyone!

Sorry I missed you this last month as I was dealing with a bout of Strep Throat. I would much rather have been with you, especially for Youth Night. I understand it went well and we had good participation. Youth are our future, we cannot survive without teaching our children the value of numismatics and encouraging them to learn the hobby and to enjoy it.

I hope everyone has had a pleasant Fourth of July cele-

brating our independence and associating with family. We also have the 24th of July, our State Holiday this month so I hope everyone has made plans and intends to celebrate the incorporation of Utah into the Union with proper aplomb. Whatever you do to celebrate please be cautious and prepared. If doing fireworks keep a water bucket and a hose nearby and practice good safety precautions.



On the 9th we will be having our annual summer BBQ. We will be meeting at SugarHouse Park, please read the newsletter for time and exact pavilion. We should have a great turn out and some great prizes. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Robie Cagle  
President

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### June

- Greetings -  
Robie Cagle
- Mini Exhibit  
None—Picnic
- News & Views  
None-Picnic
- Spotlight  
None-Picnic
- Refreshments  
Snow Cones-  
Larry Neilsen
- Coin Quiz—None

## PROGRAM FOR JULY 9TH — PICNIC 6PM

The picnic is at the first pavilion next to the pond at Sugarhouse Park..

July 9th is our annual club summer picnic at Sugarhouse Park. Meet

at the Parley Creek pavilion at 6:00pm. The club will provide the main dish and drinks. Bring your own plates and utensils. Those who last names start

with A-H please bring desserts and those with lasts names I-Z bring salads to share and those members who are single bring chips. See you there.

## REGENCY MINT TOUR

I recently was given a fantastic tour of the Regency Mint in Orem by their 'Chief Engraver' Kelly Finnegan. I was very impressed with their operations and was permitted to take a few pictures which are shown here.



Above are 4 950+ oz. bars of .999 silver from the Canadian Mint ready for processing.



These large bars are so large that they must be cut into smaller 'chunks' by a band saw to be melted and processed.



Shown here are the smaller 'chunks' after they have been cut.



The silver is then processed into strips and will be rolled into long strips of the proper thickness for punching blanks.



Above is the machine which can be fitted with any size die and is used to punch the actual blanks. The tray to the right contains the scrap silver which will be re-melted and the process starts over.



This machine is the up-setting unit and processes each blank to create the rim on the coin.

## REGENCY MINT



A tray of up-set blank planchets awaits their turn processed with a matte or proof finish.



This unit is filled with tiny steel bearing and water. It vibrates and the blanks are left in the unit until the desired surface is complete. The blanks are actually submerged under the bearings.



Here is one of the coin presses used at Regency Mint. Some presses are capable of over 800 tons of pressure to strike coins or ingots.



The final product is contained in the dish of newly minted 1 ounce troy silver bullion coins just ejected from the coin press.



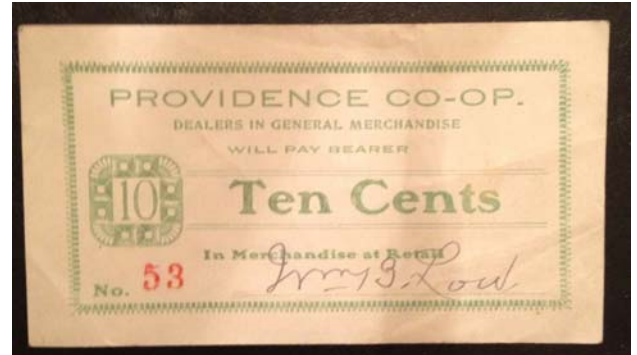
Packaging in tubes of 20 and loaded into Monster Boxes used by the US Mint the final product in lots of 500 ounces is ready to be shipped.

In addition to silver, copper, steel, brass, and gold are coined into bullion, rounds, medals and ingots at the Regency Mint. This was truly a wonderful tour.

**Doug Nyholm**



## NEW DISCOVERIES !!!

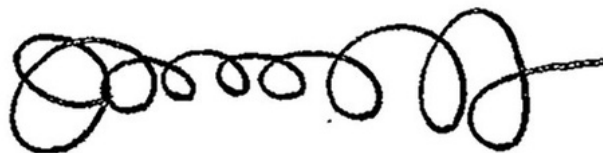


Another discovery of local interest is a here-to-for unknown piece of scrip from the Providence Co-op in Cache county. The providence co-op is documented however no known scrip or tokens were know to exist. This is the case with many of the Utah co-op's and mercantiles leading to the possibility that most may have printed or had tokens issued which none are presently known. Will you be the next to find such a piece?

Don't think even for a moment that everything numismatic has been discovered or found. The \$10 brownback from Juneau Alaska Territory was displayed at the recent Memphis Money show. And it is serial number 1! The new owner and discoverer stated that the value of this note is just slightly less than priceless.

Doug Nyholm

## WHAT IS THIS ???



## QUIZ / FIND THE ODDBALL

- Which coin does not belong in the group below? (And Why?)
  - 1838-O Half Dollar
  - 1916-D Half Dollar
  - 1926-S Quarter
  - 1893-O Dime
- Which coin does not belong in the group below? (And Why?)
  - 1937-D 3-Legged Buffalo Nickel
  - 1922 Plain Lincoln Cent
  - 1955 Double Die Cent
  - 1941 Proof Walker with no designers Initials
- What coin does not belong in the group below? (And Why?)
  - 1804 Silver Dollar
  - 1913 Liberty Nickel
  - 1875-CC Twenty Cent Piece
  - 1894-S Barber Dime
- What coin does not belong in the group below? (And Why?)
  - 1861 Indian Head Cent
  - 1904 Indian Head Cent
  - 1926-S Lincoln Cent
  - 1981 Lincoln Cent
- What coin does not belong in the group below? (This one is for experts, are you an expert?)
  - 1797 Dime
  - 1821 Dime
  - 1834 Dime
  - 1804 Dime

May Answers— 1) B, Lincoln Cents 2) C, Kennedy Halves 3) D, Mercury Dime 4) A, Washington Quarter 5) A, Ike Dollars



♦ IDENTIFY THIS COIN  
DATE, DENOMINATION,  
AND MINT?



♦ IDENTIFY THIS  
COIN

**1793 STRAWBERRY  
LEAF LARGE CENT**



## UNS 2013 SCHEDULE

### August

Secret Service Speaker / Currency

### September

Club Auction

### October

Presentation / Cherry Picking / Nyholm

### November

Elections / Club Bourse

### December

Christmas Dinner

The answer to the picture quiz to the right is 1892. How do you identify this coin. It has a "Micro O" mintmark which is well known and very scarce. Did you get it right?



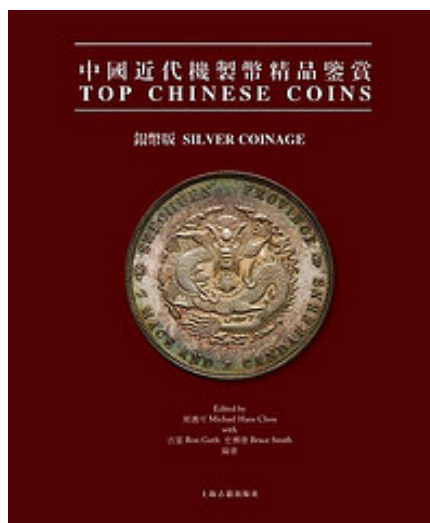
What is the date of the above pictured coin?



## BOOK REVIEW / TOP CHINESE COINS

This is a book I was aware of a couple of years ago, however the 1st edition was completely in Chinese. I acquired this 2nd edition up at the recent Long Beach Expo and it is now written both in Chinese and English. It has also been modified to include only silver coins, the 1st edition contained a number of non-silver coins. This book was printed in China and the pictures and quality are outstanding. When the Chinese put their mind to do something special they certainly excel at it. The book is printed in a large format, you might have to adjust the height of your bookshelf, as it is just slightly larger than 12 1/2 x 10. It is hardcover and printed on very high quality glossy paper. There are 172 pages of great pictures. The

**Top Chinese Coins - Silver Coinage, 2011,**  
**Edited by Michael Hans Chou with Ron Guth and Bruce Smith,**  
**Published by iAssure Group**



printing process included two separate runs through a color printer. The 4" diameter coin images were actually printed separately and almost jump off the page.

As far as content the book covers the top 60 Chinese silver coins and many of them are stunning in appearance. Auction records and prices are given as well as a pedigree for most issues is also included. Serious notes and discussions are included for each issue which really lend a lot to the history and production of many of these ultra-rarities. This book definitely goes way beyond the knowledge that the typical Panda collector is aware of. Again, most readers of this review or even purchasers of the book will probably never own one of the coins in this book but owning the book is the next best thing. Although not inexpensive at \$100, it makes a great addition to the numismatics bibliophile's library.

Doug. Nyholm

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# PRIZES— PICNIC / JULY SUGARHOUSE MAP



## PROMPTNESS—

None—Picnic

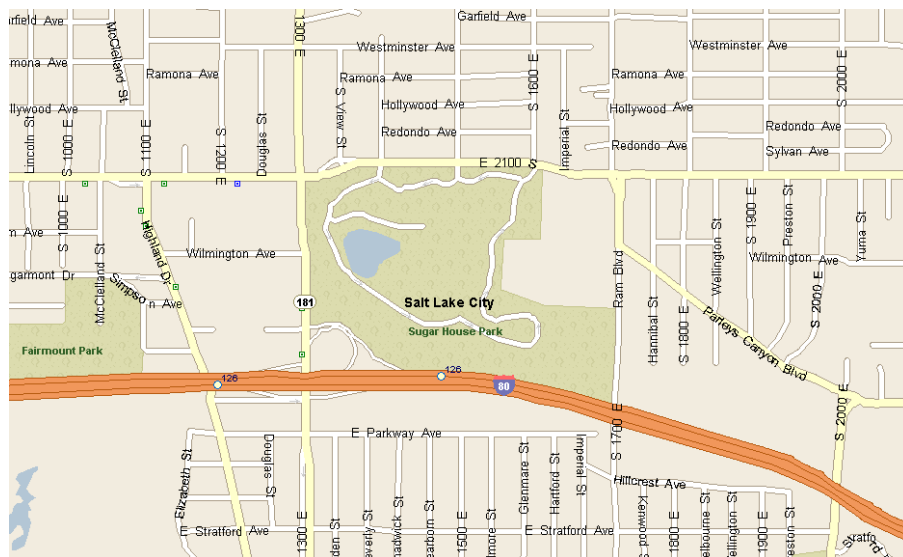
## MEMBERSHIP -

None—Picnic

## JUNIOR -

None—Picnic

As always, the annual UNS picnic  
will have prizes and games for the  
youth and all involved.



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## YOUNG NUMISMATICS YOUTH NIGHT RECAP FUN FOR YOUTH AT UNS PICNIC—TIDBIT

### YOUTH NIGHT

The UNS Youth Night program held on June 11, 2013 was a fun, fast paced, and rewarding activity for all in attendance. The 25 youth attendees each received and took home with them: a Lincoln Cent Centennial Date Set folder, a set of uncirculated 2009 Lincoln cents, a transportation token, a gift bag of numismatic items including a \$1 Silver Certificate, a prize of their choice, a U.S. Mint packet with a 2009 Lincoln Log Cabin cent and a cent planchet, and all the Lincoln Wheat Back cents they could find and place in their folders in a 45 minute period. The folders provided this year will allow each youth to continue filling empty spaces from 1959 and forward with coins readily found in everyday circulation. Everything was free to the youth, compliments of the UNS and some individual club members. A special thanks is owed to Robie and Collin Cagle, Bob Campbell, Phil Clark, Dave Larsen, and Ralph Muller for their generous support of the evening's program. If you missed the program, you missed a good one and should mark your planning calendar for the June 10, 2014 program next year.

### UNS PICNIC

The UNS Picnic scheduled for July 9, 2013 is our next meeting and has



a lot of activity for youth of all ages. The highlight for youth is the coin search in the wood chips. Hundreds of coins, tokens, and medals are hidden in the wood chips and, based on age, the youth are allowed to sift through the chips to find and keep the hidden treasures. The youngest go first and are joined by older youth until all youth are eventually sifting through the chips for the numismatic treasures. Items are added as the number of youth searching increases and there are special win tokens that reward their finders with special numismatic prizes. The food, activities, and fellowship are always fantastic and shouldn't be missed. Hope to see you there.

### TIDBIT

Do you know what a planchet is? A planchet is coin blank that has

been heated to soften it for striking as a coin, washed and dried to remove surface contaminants and been through the "upsetting mill". The "upsetting mill" is the point in the coining process at which a blank is squeezed to form a raised rim on both the obverse (heads) and reverse (tails) side of the coin. The planchet provides a uniform size and the raised rim aids in stacking and reduces coin surface wear once the coin enters circulation. All planchets then go through a "riddler" machine which sorts out irregular pieces. Good planchets continue on to the coining presses and the bad ones are shred and the metals recycled. Planchets will see the "riddler" machine again as finished coins.

**PHIL CLARK**

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### ANNUAL DUES:

☐ FAMILY \$30

☐ ADULT (18 AND OLDER) \$20

☐ JUNIOR \$5

Don't Forget to  
attend the UNS Picnic.  
It begins at 6PM

